

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (amended) A top coating composition which comprises

a coating film-forming resin (I);

and a silicate-grafted resin (IV) resulting from graft polymerization of a silicate compound (II) onto a hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III).

3. (amended) The top coating composition according to Claim 1,

wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III) is an acrylic resin obtained by radical polymerization of a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-a), a hydroxyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b) and another radical-polymerizable monomer (III-c).

5. (amended) The top coating composition according to claim 2,

wherein said hydrolysable silyl-containing resin (III) is an acrylic resin obtained by radical polymerization of a silanol- and/or hydrolysable silyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-a), a hydroxyl-containing, radical-polymerizable monomer (III-b) and another radical-polymerizable monomer (III-c).
